

College Course Placement

Q: Why is course placement required?

A: Placement tests serve as an indicator of student preparedness to enroll in college coursework. Use of placement scores is for advising high school students to enroll in additional or advanced coursework in preparation for college. Colleges and universities are required to use placement scores as a prerequisite for enrollment in credit bearing, degree level coursework.

Q: What placement resources and minimum passing scores are used for placement into introductory English courses?

A:

TEST NAME	TEST COMPONENT	MINIMUM SCORE
Accuplacer	WritePlacer	5
ACT	English subtest	18
ACT Aspire	English subtest	426
Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, & others)	English	70%
SAT (new)	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480

*Refer to NDUS Academic Affairs Policy 402.1.2

Q: What placement resources and minimum passing scores that can be used for placement into introductory mathematics courses?

A:

TEST NAME	TEST COMPONENT	MINIMUM SCORE
Accuplacer	Elementary Algebra	76
Accuplacer	College Level Math	50
ACT	Math subtest	21
ACT Aspire	Math subtest	431
ALEKS	Mathematics PPL	46
Pearson (CLEM, CREAM, and others)	Math	70%
SAT (new)	Math	530

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Q: Can Pre-ACT and Pre-SAT results be used for placement into English and/or mathematics?

A: The Pre-ACT and the Pre-SAT are reviewed and considered practice tests in preparation for the ACT and the SAT. Neither practice test is approved for placement purposes.

Q: Can ACT WorkKeys® be used for placement into English and/or mathematics courses?

A: Not at this time. ACT promotes WorkKeys® as a skills assessment test for career readiness.

Q: Can a high school senior take a remedial course offered by a North Dakota University System (NDUS) college or university if the student knows he/she has to do additional work in a particular area prior to applying to college?

A: Yes, anything a student can do during his/her senior year to better prepare for college is certainly encouraged. If a student takes the remedial course (MATH 093 or ASC 093) through a NDUS college or university and passes with a "C" or higher, coding of the course is done in a manner that permits enrollment in subsequent college level, credit-bearing courses. High school seniors also have the opportunity to take remedial coursework from their high school in CREAM English or math, or from NDCDE in CLEM English or math.